

Chase County Commissioners

June 27, 2023

The regular meeting of the Chase County Commissioners was called to order at 8:00am on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 by Chairman Jacci Brown in the meeting room of the Chase County Courthouse. Also in attendance were commissioner Kurt Bernhardt, county clerk Wendy Moe, treasurer Rebecca Bernard, road secretary Jeni Lotspeich, Duane Dinnel, Terry Bilka, Diane Stamm and Scott Bussel. A copy of the agenda was kept current and available in the office of the county clerk, it was posted to the county website the day before the meeting. The agenda and open meetings act were posted.

Scott Bussel was present for open forum to discuss berms that have been built up along the edges of roads by the graders making it impossible to mow the ditches. He requested gravel be put on a couple roads in his area, "trucks turning" signs and also that noxious weeds in mag/gravel pits leased by the county be taken care of by the county.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes from the June 13 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve claims as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

PE=payroll exp, TE=travel exp, SU=supply,
SE=service, CC=court cost, RP=repairs,
PT=parts, L=labor, UT=utility, AP=Appt. Counsel,
PS=Prior Service EQ=Equipment JD=Juv Div

ADAMS DRUG	SU	83.98
AFLAC	PE	361.13
AFLAC	PE	17.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS.	PE	38.45
AMERITAS RETIREMENT	PE	7983.22
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SE	3334.8
KAREN BAKER	JD	615.4
BCBS	PE	24724.71
BRICO PEST CONTROL	SE	30
KARON DENISE CARTER	SE	800
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	SU	528.47
CHARM-TEX, INC.	SU	99
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	133.33
CHASE CO COURT	CC	103
CHASE CO FAIR	SE	500
CHASE CO SHERIFF	CC	212.01
CHASE CO TREAS	SU	1014.16
MELISSA K. COCHRAN	TE	36.03
COLONIAL LIFE	PE	66.82

COMFORT INN - KEARNEY	TE	239.3
DAN'S R US	SE	155.96
DATASHIELD CORP	SE	65
DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY, LLC	SU	790
DUNDY CO TREAS	JD	695.25
EAKES, INC	SU	1180.39
EFTPS	PE	14280.08
EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC	SE	300
BILLY W. ESKEW	SE	1373.4
GREAT PLAINS COMM.	UT	456.07
HIGH PLAINS NEWS NORTH	SE	783.22
KEITH CO TREAS	JD	1315.88
LAKE MAC ASSESSMENT	SE	10350
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS INC	SU	193
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	SE	1780
MOE, WENDY	TE	215.43
KEVIN MUELLER	SU	612.92
NATP	SE	85
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR	PE	320
STATE OF NE INCOME TAX	PE	1949.16
LESLIE JEAN NORDHAUSEN	AP	640
OFFICE SERVICE INC	SU	599.55
OPTUM BANK	PE	183
ORRS DRAPERIES-DRY CLEANER INC	SE	555
PANKONIN AG SERVICE	SE	1400
PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY	SE	58.22
PLATINUM CUSTOMS, LLC	SU	338.39
ELETECH, INC.	SE	1184
ANDREA NICOLE SEEFUS	CC	14864.25
SWPPD	UT	274.61
ASHLEY K. SPAHN	CC	60
STREICHERS	SU	1203.46
DUANE TODD	TE	65.5
TROXELL'S HEATING & APPLIANCE, LLC	SE	915.44
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SE	403.87
WESTFIELD PHARMACY INC.	SU	9.89
	NET PAYROLL	41184.91
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	141762.41
AFLAC	PE	110.18
AMERITAS LIFE INS	PE	5.95
AMERITAS RETIREMENT	PE	983.49
BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC	UT	89.43
CHASE CO TREAS/CAFETERIA	PE	40

DAN'S R US	SE	56.45
EFTPS	PE	3186.13
GB AUTO SERVICE INC.	PT/L	1934.49
HARMONY INN & SUITES	TE	89
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC.	SE	105
NE CHILD SUPPORT PMT CNTR	PE	97.7
STATE OF NE INCOME TAX	PE	822.72
PRO-TRUCK LLC	PT/L	208
SAPP BRO PETROLEUM INC	FUEL	2876.55
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SE	201.35
WAUNETA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UT	240
	NET PAYROLL	17695.97
	ROAD FUND TOTAL	28742.41
NORMA J. HICKMAN	SE	300
WAUNETA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	DON	100
	TOURISM FUND TOTAL	400
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SE	1013.9
ELIZABETH ARELLANO	SE	51.2
JASON M ARELLANO	SE	114.4
WILLIAM BITTNER	SE	67.4
MARK D. BOMBA	SE	11.2
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SU	279.98
EMILY BROWNING	SE	99.76
JOSHUA JOEL BURKE	SE	27.26
RAQUEL CASTILLO ARVIZO	SE	22.4
CHASE COUNTY TREASURER	SE	15.84
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	SE	63.99
CYNTHIA FISCHER	SE	539.4
AARON PATRIC GREENE	SE	103.96
TIMMIE D. GREENE	SE	822.78
DEBRA HAYES	SE	51.62
SABRINA M. HAYES	SE	94.9
FAY D. HIYKEL	SE	85.6
GARY K. HUNT	SE	276.8
SHAWN JAEGER	SE	268.96
TYLER KLEIN	SE	53.8
LEANNE L. KLEIN	SE	172.2
MELISA K. KLENTZ	SE	171.8
ELDON KUNTZELMAN	SE	83.7
CRAIG A. LOEFFLER	SE	27.26
DESIREE LOEFFLER	SE	63.72
JAYDEN C. MARIS	SE	12.3
JOHN W. MILLER	SE	67.76

ROXANE K. MILLER	SE	67.76
JOLENE D. MUTHS	SE	599.2
ALLISON A. PRYOR	SE	39.32
RANAE RICHARDSON	SE	165.8
U S BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	SE	100
RYAN P. WISNIESKI	SE	499.8
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		6135.77
GRAND TOTAL ALL CLAIMS		177040.59

Correspondence from the McCook Humane Society and Bridge of Hope was reviewed. Commissioner Brown asked that Bridge of Hope be put on the next agenda for discussion. Minutes from the Hospital and Community Center were also reviewed.

Surplus property was reviewed. Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a nonworking Hoover Vacuum (tag #310) and a computer stand (tag #270) from the Clerk's office to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to dispose of a broken 3-hole punch (tag #308) from the Clerk's inventory and a nonworking Dell Computer Monitor (tag #604) from the election inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to transfer a metal coat rack stand (tag #285) from the Clerk's inventory to Building General inventory. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a nonworking Acer Laptop (tag #317) and printer stand (tag #328) from the Clerk's inventory and a nonworking Dell Precision T1600 (tag #339) from the Clerk of District Court inventory all to be trashed after hard drives are removed from computers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a computer tower (tag #1090), two monitors and one tower (tag #'s 1089, 1089, 605) and two monitors and one tower (tag #'s 1086, 1087, 1088) from the Assessor's office to be recycled with Applied Connective. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to dispose of five antique wooden barrel chairs (tag #'s 709-714), one globe office chair (tag #707) and one mid-back chair (tag #736) from the County Court's inventory to be listed for sale on Facebook. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a compucessory shredder (tag #739), two wall clocks (tag #'s 716-717) and a sharp calculator (tag #720) from the County Court's inventory to be disposed of in the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to surplus a nonworking electric stapler (tag #735), an oak hall tree (tag #728) and a nonworking optical keyboard and mouse (tag #738) from the County Court's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to surplus a nonworking two-hole punch (tag #722), a nonworking three-hole punch (tag #721), an outdated HP Pavilion PC touch screen (tag #748) and a wireless mouse/keyboard (tag #758) from the County Court's inventory to the trash. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to transfer a desk riser (tag # 915) from the office of the County Court to the Assessor's office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of someone to take over the Fair Premium account tabled until next meeting.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director for Nebraska Association of County Officials, met with commissioners to give NACO and legislative updates.

At 9:00 Kylie Joyce with Region II Services met with commissioners to give annual updates for their Development Disabilities Services in Chase County and the surrounding area.

At 9:15 bids were open for the 911 Dispatch Console. Only one bid was received, from Prairie States Communications; the bid included two Scout EX Console tier 1 packages and necessary equipment for both consoles with one additional year of Scoutcare for a price of \$89,262.00. Bid was also submitted for Scoutcare for years two through five at a price of \$9,123.75 per year. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid from Prairie States Communication for \$89,262.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. Commissioners chose not to accept the bid for the additional Scoutcare coverage for years two through five.

Commissioner Bernhardt has been in touch with an individual who does concrete work, looking to remove and replace the current concrete steps and retaining walls at the front door of the courthouse. Due to the potential cost of the work, commissioners will gather informal bids before moving forward.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to sign resolution #2023-10 to transfer budgeted funds in the amount of \$55,000 from the Ambulance to Ambulance Sinking fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried. A complete copy of the resolution is available for viewing in the office of the County Clerk.

At 9:30 Chairman Brown opened the public hearing for the new Nutrien Ag Facility in Lamar and stated that the hearing was open to receive public comment for the new Nutrien Ag Facility in Lamar. Planning/Zoning Administrator Jeni Lotspeich stated that the Zoning board approved the conditional use permit for the new Nutrien facility at their meeting last week and as such the public hearing is now open to receive comment. Terry Bilka stated that he thinks a fertilizer facility located at that end of the county is a service to the county.

With no further comments, at 9:45 Chairman Brown closed the public hearing. Commissioner Brown moved to grant the Conditional Use Permit, Application #1023 for Nutrien Ag Facility in Lamar. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Tori Mueller joined the meeting to present her bid specs for 5-year Imagery Obliques. Commissioner Bernhardt moved to accept the bid specs as presented by Assessor Mueller and set bids to be opened on July 25 at 9:00am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to designate the State Print Shop as the vendor for postcards as described in § 77-1633 (3g). Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt made a motion to allow County Clerk to cancel the Empower Retirement plan. This was a plan previously used by the county but no longer has any county plan participants. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mueller joined the meeting to request that commissioners consider paying for full family health insurance for Sheriff's Deputies as an added incentive to retain quality deputies. Other agencies are able to offer sign on and retention bonuses, Sheriff Mueller believes the added benefit of family health insurance would be an appropriate offering. Commissioner Brown moved to give the Sheriff's Deputies full family health insurance to be paid by the county to go into effect in October 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:12am. Next regular meeting will be on July 11, 2023.

Wendy Moe
Chase County Clerk

CHASE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/Jacci L. Brown – Commissioner District #2
/s/Kurt Bernhardt – Commissioner District #3

ATTEST: /s/Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk